--- “Series of 1889” - 50 Cigarettes - 132 x 15 mm. - scanned a 100% scale ---

--- Recess Printed in BLUE ink - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

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The **Budget of 1889** increased the tax to $1.50 per thousand for cigarettes weighing less than 3 pounds per thousand, and to $6.00 per thousand for cigarettes weighing over 3 pounds per thousand. These “Series of 1889” strip stamps were produced for use on the flat fifty tin of cigarettes.

John McKay records that 133,900 copies of “50 Blue Cigarettes” *recess printed* by hand press were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892 -1897).

★**RC-122** - 50 cigarettes, blue, coarse roulette, stamped **MONTREAL / TOBACCO / CIGARS**

★**RC-122** - 50 cigarettes, blue, coarse roulette

★**RC-122 CP** - 50 cigarettes, blue, coarse roulette, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

--- the 49 mm. “Montreal & Ottawa” sleevage imprint [scanned at 200% scale] ---

As a condition of retaining the printing contract in 1887 BABN had agreed to return from Montreal, and to open a plant in Ottawa. The sleevage imprint was made prior to this change in location.

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